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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Dept. of Justice
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Dear Sir Ashcroft:

I am a Microsoft user. I want to say I fully support the recent Microsoft-Department of Justice settlement. It's great Microsoft will not be broken up. However, the lawsuit was too costly and long.

The terms agreed upon seem to violate Microsoft's intellectual property rights, by being forced to disclose internal info about the Windows operating system and requiring future design versions making it easier for competitors to promote their products within Windows. Our economic future depends on intellectual innovation and it is to be protected to insure future incentive and financial success.

I strongly urge your office to imlement the settlement, as the alternative ..more litigation, will only impact our tech economy and stifle our markets.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Rep. Jeff Flake